

MEMBERS PRESENT

Springfield Location:

Kathy Briseno	Alan Dietrich	Jan Dunas	David Elder
Edgar Hernandez	Debra Kinsey	Sam Koschmann	Merlin Lehman
Andrea Medley	Dee Ann Ryan	Gary Seelbach	

Chicago Location: (attending by Video conference)

Beatriz Diaz-Pollack	Evon Robinzine	Lanée Walls
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MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Bloom	Kathy Ryg	Brooke Whitted
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STAFF PRESENT

Springfield Location:

Mindy Miller	Linda Prewitt	John Schornagel	Debbi Smith
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Chicago Location: (attending by Video conference)

Robert Watts

GUESTS PRESENT

Terry Carmichael, Community Behavioral Healthcare Association
Eileen Subak, League of Women Voters

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dietrich called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. Members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 11, 2009 MINUTES

The Authority reviewed the minutes of the June 11, 2009 meeting.

MOTION: *Gary Seelbach moved and Kathy Briseno seconded that the minutes of June 11, 2009 Authority meeting be approved with minor amendments. The motion carried unanimously.*

III. STAFF REPORT

Director Schornagel referenced the following informational handouts:

- *4th Quarter Case Distribution Graph*
- *4th Quarter Staff Activity Report*
- *Most recent State Budget for FY 10*

Director Schornagel commented that the end of June CRSA had 3 cases that were very likely to enter the Dispute Resolution process. One case was resolved when the child was recently granted an ICG on reapplication. He added that CRSA staff are working intensively on the two remaining cases trying to help parents get funding for services for children with intensive mental health needs. One case involves needed funding to support a residential placement. The other case is rather unusual because it involves funding to support an intensive community-based plan of services for a child who was terminated from a residential ICG and has two obvious barriers: availability and sufficiency of community-based mental health services and ineligibility for public mental health services due to Medicaid ineligibility.

Director Schornagel reported that CRSA staff and CMS met recently to put final content on the long planned and long awaited CRSA Website. He added that as soon as the content is added and proofed, the CRSA website will be launched and that he will send the Authority an email linking them to the site as soon as it is launched. He further commented that this event is the culmination of nearly six years of planning and work, much of it accomplished through the efforts of IT departments at Central Management Services, the Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Transportation: Graphics Division.

Director Schornagel thanked Dr. Walls from DJJ for helping arrange for a tour of the Juvenile Sex Offender treatment program at Illinois Youth Corrections (IYC) Kewanee facility. He invited any members who had an interest in touring the facility to contact him soon so that he can make appropriate arrangements with Lisa Nordstrom, the Warden at IYC-Kewanee.

Members of the Authority expressed interest in learning more about the work and the impact of CRSA's Network Development Specialist, who will have been with the Authority for one year in October. Director Schornagel will invite Network Development Coordinator, Theresa Williams to attend the October Authority meeting to give an update on her activities.

IV. AGENCY REPORTS

Member agency designees discussed some the potential impacts of the current constraints on their programs and services.

- Debra Kinsey updated the Authority that Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is poised to lay off sixty-six staff members and to implement 12 furlough days. She added that HFS expects to have a reduced Medicaid payment cycle (as few as 30 days) for providers like nursing homes and hospitals so that Illinois can capture additional stimulus funds through Medicaid but that grant funded social service providers will continue to experience delayed payment. Ms. Kinsey also reported that SASS/CARES will remain fully funded in FY 10.
- Andrea Medley reported on behalf of the Developmental Disabilities Division within the Department of Human Services that funding was restored 19-D services until December 31st, and that 19-D recipients are being given an opportunity to voluntarily convert to 17-D (a Waiver program). She added that funding for respite services was also restored until December 31st. She went on to say that some day programs did close but might reopen.
- Edgar Hernandez reported on behalf of the Department of Children and Family Services that immediate layoffs have been avoided for the moment but might occur in December. He added that many of the initially proposed staff and program cuts for DCFS were subject to Consent Decrees and were court ordered to remain unchanged. Mr. Hernandez went on to say that DCFS will be closing some of its offices and consolidating others and will be making 5% (across the board program cuts) which will impact its agency support contracts.
- Alan Dietrich reported on behalf of the Mental Health Division within the Department of Human Services that contracts are still not signed but the Child and Adolescent Division is expecting approximate 4 million dollars in service cuts.
- Beatriz-Diaz-Pollack reported on behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education the ISBE program funding cuts don't appear to negatively impact the CRSA population but that significant and difficult statewide educational program cuts had to be made for FY 10. Director Schornagel commented that the ISBE program cuts would have been far deeper for FY 10 had it not been for significant stimulus money coming to ISBE this year. He cautioned the members that more ISBE cuts are imminent for FY 11 as stimulus funds run out.
- Dr. Lanée Walls reported on behalf of the Department of Juvenile Justice that is scheduled to close IYC-Pere-Marquette at the end of September 2009 and the DJJ is experiencing a hiring freeze which will prevent the hiring for 45 of DJJ's existing teaching position vacancies within the IYC facilities as well as position that open up due to attrition.

Those in attendance expressed varying concerns about the number and the depth of proposed service and program cuts that are occurring in response to the state's FY 10 Budget Crisis. Members requested that CRSA develop a CRSA statement clarifying concerns of the membership. Director Schornagel agreed to write a draft document for review. Merlin Lehman suggested that the statement be consistent with the CRSA Mission and be specific in terms of actions that are being requested. He commented that many of the most sensitive cuts to human services need to be restored as quickly as possible lest they be unacceptably costly in the medium term and in the longer term.

Debbi Smith commented that the 94-R initiative has obvious potential to bring millions of Medicaid dollars every year to Illinois, by underwriting a substantial portion of the room and board costs of children currently served in residential ICG placements. She commented that in spite of repeated efforts to find out more about this funding stream and where the 94-D dollars are being directed, she and the CRSA board have not been able to get requested explanations.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Executive Director Position Description Amendments

The Authority reviewed amendments to the Executive Director Position Description which have been held at First Reading and more recent amendments offered by both the Policy and Executive Committees. Members discussed the amendments and offered additional minor modifications.

MOTION: *David Elder moved and Gary Seelbach seconded that the substitute motion containing additional amendments to the proposed amendment to the Executive Director Position Description held at First Reading, be accepted. The motion carried unanimously.*

MOTION: *David Elder moved and Debra Kinsey seconded that the substitute motion containing additional amendments to the proposed amendment to the Executive Director Position Description held at First Reading, be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.*

B. Revised CRSA FY 10 Budget

Director Schornagel Director Schornagel informed the Authority that the CRSA Appropriation for FY 2010 was reduced by \$25,000.00 by the Governor's Office and offered a Revised CRSA FY 10 Spending Plan, commensurate with the reductions. Director Schornagel confirmed that that because of the reduction, it will not be possible for him to follow the CRSA Staff Compensation Policy during FY 2010. He added that staff continue to implement austerity measures to cut back on expenses wherever possible and are preparing for the possibility of further cut backs by the Governor's Office later in the Fiscal Year. Director Schornagel stated that he will review the FY 10 Spending Plan periodically with the Authority if and when budget circumstances change.

MOTION: *David Elder moved and Gary Seelbach seconded that the Revised CRSA FY 10 Spending Plan be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.*

C. Appointment of CRSA Ad Hoc Multiple Agency Resource Pool Committee

David Elder, Chairperson of the CRSA MARP Committee, updated the Authority that several Authority members have volunteered to serve on that MARP Committee. Mr. Elder reiterated the importance to re-seating the Committee as soon as possible. Alan Dietrich reappointed David Elder and Chairperson to the MARP Committee, reappointed Andrea Medley and himself to serve on the Committee and appointed Kathy Briseno, Gary Seelbach, and Brooke Whitted to serve as new members to the Committee. Debra Kinsey noted that prior to the meeting Mr. Elder had asked her to be a member of the MARP Committee. She told the Authority that she had discussed the CRSA MARP Committee with HFS Administrative staff and that HFS wants to assist, and will provide technical assistance as needed, but not participate on the MARP as a regular participant. Mr. Elder indicated that the interagency issues involved in the MARP Committee are likely to be difficult and that the work of the Committee is likely to be lengthy. Committee Chairperson Elder encouraged additional volunteers to contact him to be appointed to the Committee if they had an interest.

D. Testimony From Community Mental Health Agencies

Gary Seelbach renewed his request for DHS/DMH to invite two publicly funded mental health centers: one urban and one rural, to come to a meeting of the Authority to discuss the availability and sufficiency of community-based mental health resources relative to the needs in their communities.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Liaison Relationship with Community Behavioral Healthcare Association

Director Schornagel urged members to review various Community Behavioral Healthcare Association (CHBA) documents included in their board packets. He commented that as Illinois has been changing its approach to the financing and the provision of children's mental health services in recent years that the CRSA and CBHA have become more aware of overlapping areas of interest and responsibilities and have been following each other's activities more closely. He added that the Executive Committee has recently been discussing CRSA into a liaison relationship with CHBA.

MOTION: *David Elder moved on behalf of the Executive Committee Gary Seelbach seconded that the Community Behavioral Healthcare Association be invited to appoint a Liaison to the CRSA. The motion carried unanimously.*

B. Appointment of Staff Evaluation Committee

Chairperson Alan Dietrich announced the appointment of a Staff Evaluation Committee to evaluate the performance of the Executive Director and to monitor the evaluation of all staff by the Executive Director. Chairperson Dietrich will Chair the Committee and announced the appointment of Kathy Briseno, David Elder, Edgar Hernandez and Gary Seelbach to participate on the Committee. Chairperson Dietrich added that will distribute appropriate documents to the Committee.

C. Other

None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

Chairperson Alan Dietrich reported on behalf of the Executive Committee topics discussed most recently by the Executive Committee have been covered earlier in the Agenda.

B. Ad Hoc File Management Committee

Committee Chairperson Dietrich reported on behalf of the AD Hoc File Management Committee that the Committee met recently. The Committee reviewed documents from the State Records Commission which made file management recommendations to the Authority and which gave CRSA permission to destroy various files. Chairperson Dietrich stated that the Committee recommended that CRSA staff initiate necessary procedures with the State of Illinois State Records Commission and begin disposal of relevant CRSA documents, reporting back periodically to the Authority of file destruction activities. Mr. Dietrich also reported that the File Management Committee suggested that the CRSA consider amending current CRSA Confidentiality Policies; creating affidavits outlining agency client confidentiality policies and seeking periodic signatures of compliance from or both CRSA staff and for CRSA Authority members. Lastly, Mr. Dietrich reported the File Management Committee recommends that the Committee be disbanded, having completed its work. Director Schornagel commented that the work of this Committee started four years ago and thanked the Committee and Lynn Lowder for their patient persistence and hard work as the CRSA walked through the State Records Commission application and approval process for file disposal. He added that suggestions for amending the current CRSA Confidentiality Policies have been placed on the Policy Committee Agenda for consideration. Merlin Lehman suggested that the Policy Committee consider amending Executive Director Position Description adding responsibility for assuring enhanced Confidentiality Policies are followed.

C. Policy Committee

David Elder reported topics discussed most recently by the Policy Committee have been covered earlier in the Agenda. He added that the Policy Committee is scheduled to meet in September and that staff will be contacting Committee members with potential meeting dates on either September 9th or September 10th.

VIII. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Terry Carmichael from CHBA expressed concerns about the collective funding cuts to individuals with mental illness, both children and adults, totaling 42.5 million dollars so far in FY 10. He also commented on the practice of maximizing Federal Financial Participation (FFP) through DHS' selective focus on serving Medicaid eligible individuals, intentionally disenfranchises non-Medicaid eligible individuals requiring services. He added that the Children's Health Insurance Program was also "zeroed out" and that there were substantial cuts to DASA funded programs as well. Mr. Carmichael also commented that unfilled teaching positions within DJJ's IYC system were already a problem prior to the current hiring freeze, noting that predictable impact will be that children within the DJJ system (most with special education needs) have been and will continue to get insufficient educational services while housed in the IYC system.

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Eileen Subak updated the Authority on the status of Senate Bill 0231 which preserves Medicaid eligibility of individuals who are incarcerated. Ms. Subak reported that the content of the bill was modified through an amendatory veto by the Governor including delaying implementation "on and after December 31, 2011" instead of July 1, 2010.

Gary Seelbach inquired about the status of Ms. Subak's recent request for the Authority to investigate barriers to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice using Title IV-E funds to support community re-entry and to help overcome re-entry barriers. Director Schornagel responded his initial research into the topic indicates that Title IV-E funds are used in Illinois to support services to adopted children and that he will continue to investigate barriers in Illinois to utilizing Title IV-E funds for juvenile justice populations, as is occurring in other states.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *Andrea Medley moved and Gary Seelbach seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.*